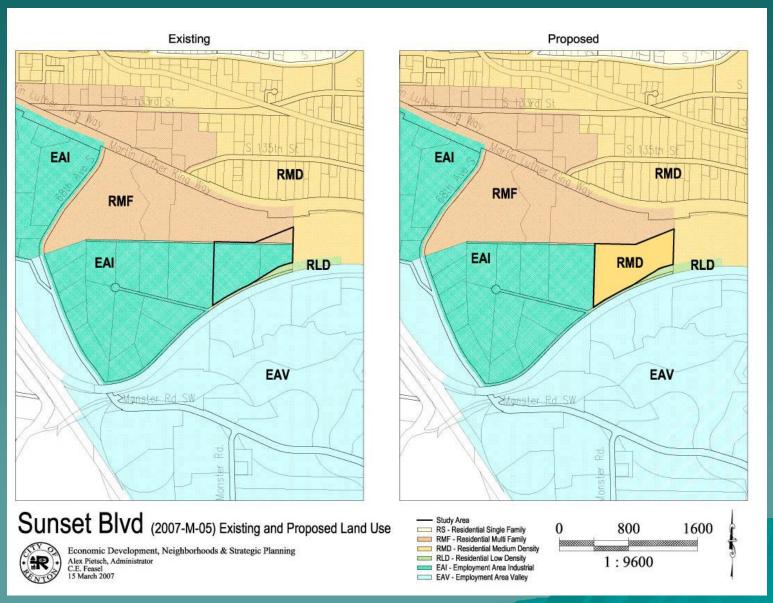


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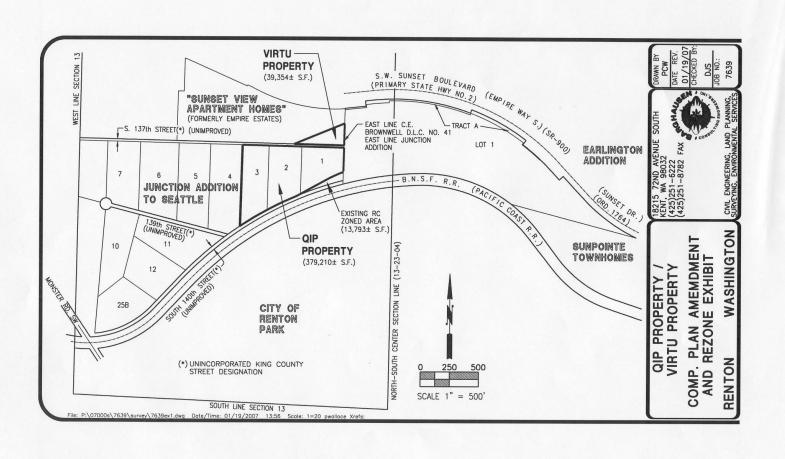
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The Request



Rezone 9.61 acres to RMD land use and R-10 zoning to build 55-60 homes

Rezone Site



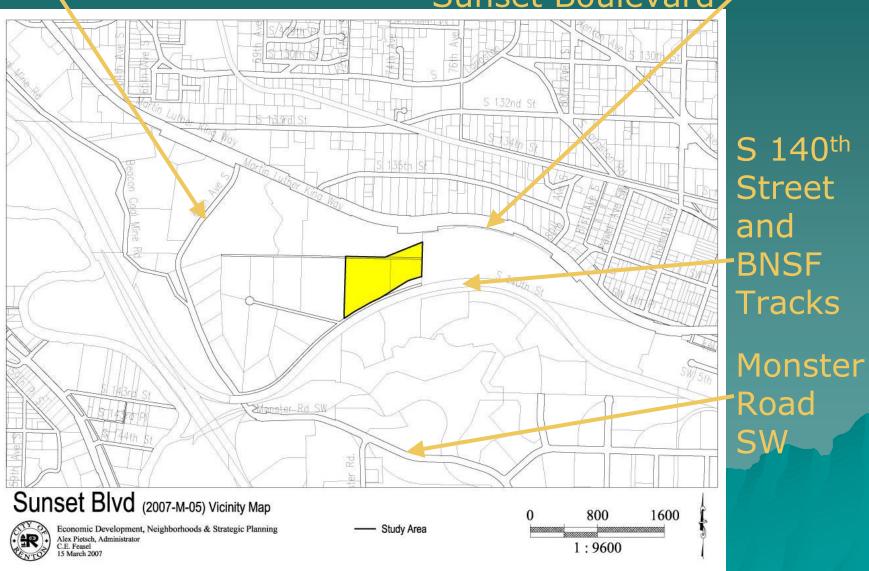
Request and Justification

- Residential use is preferred over existing storage and materials recycling use
- Proposed use would supplement the City's tax base
- Residential use is logical and consistent with nearby multi-family and single-family residential uses
- Topography creates a natural boundary between residential and industrial areas
- Comprehensive Plan policies support medium density residential use

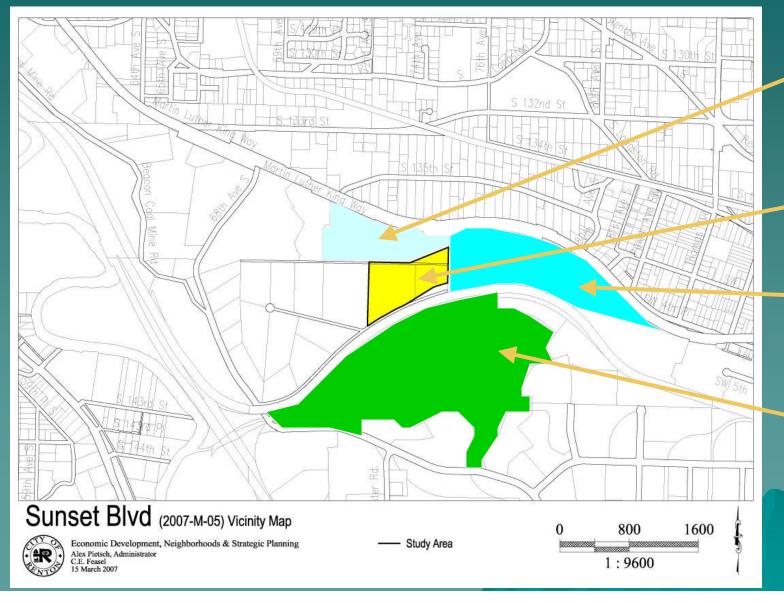
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68th Ave S

Martin Luther King Way/ Sunset Boulevard/



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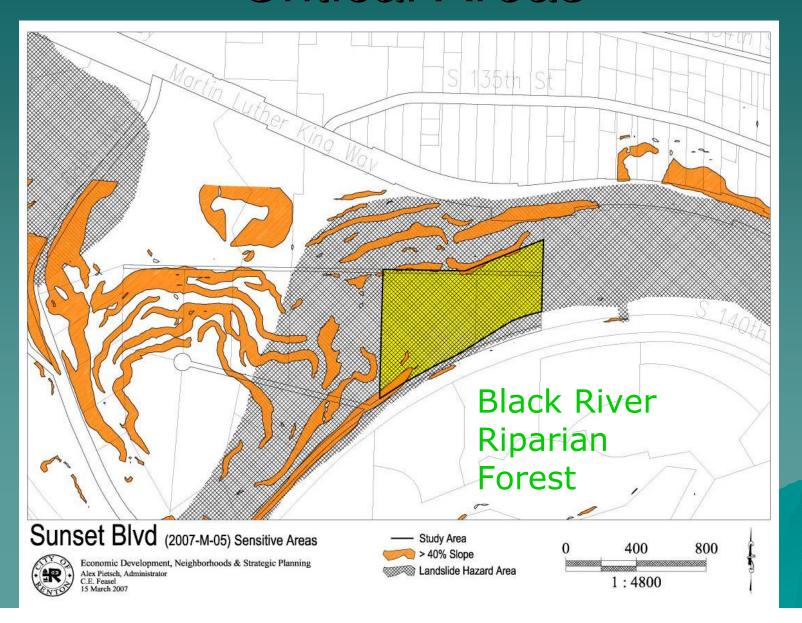
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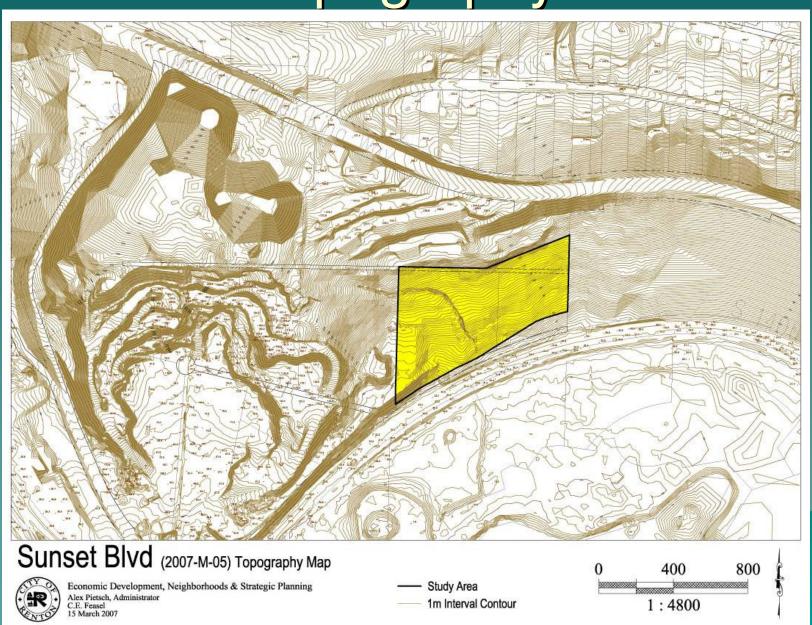
Sunset Bluff

Black River Riparian Forest

Critical Areas



Topography



Off-site Wetlands

- Wetlands are located in the Black River Riparian Forest, more than 200 feet away from site (and separated by a 50 foot slope)
- A small wetland is located on the Sunset Bluff property, about 110 feet from the site
- There are no known wetlands, or wetland buffers on the proposed rezone site

Off-site Wildlife Habitat

- ◆ There is a large Heron Colony in the Black River Riparian Forest, approximately 800 feet from the site (and separated by a 50 foot slope)
- Applicant has submitted a Great Blue Heron
 Assessment which says that residential
 development would result in less disturbance to
 the Herons than industrial development
- There is an established Eagle Nest in the area
- WDFW will provide comments and recommendations for the next briefing

Comprehensive Plan Policies-Multi-Family

- ◆ RMF Objectives include LU-JJ, LU-KK, and LU-LL
- ◆ The Virtu Parcel as a whole complies with these objectives without a rezone
- Coordinated redevelopment is the only reason to review this land
- If the QIP piece is to be zoned for residential, then the Virtu piece should also be considered
- If the QIP piece stays industrial, the Virtu piece should not be considered for rezone because it currently acts a buffer between the residential and industrial zones.

Comprehensive Plan Policies-Industrial Land

- Objective ED-C says the City should sustain it's industrial base
- Land Use goals include providing adequate Employment Areas to accommodate economic growth and a strong employment base
- Objective LU-C states the City needs adequate capacity for housing and job growth
- Objective LU-ZZZ stresses the importance of coordinating future land use in and around industrial areas to prevent future incompatibility

Comprehensive Plan Policies-Residential Policies

- Objective LU-BB calls for high quality residential growth using multiple strategies
- Objective LU-GG directs the RMD designation to places where access, topography, and adjacent land uses allow for a mix of single-family and multi-family types supported by urban services
- Objectives LU-GG and LU-HH identify the RMD designation as an opportunity for diverse housing types, expansion of the street grid, and neighborhood organization around public amenities

Comprehensive Plan Policies-Questions for Consideration

- Is residential development the highest and best use for this property?
- Does the City of Renton have an adequate supply of industrial land?
- Does the City of Renton have an adequate supply of residential land?
- Would residential development be compatible with surrounding uses?
- Is there any difference between residential and industrial land use on the neighboring wildlife habitat?



Next Steps

- May 2- Staff will bring this issue back to you with a recommendation for further discussion
- July 11- tentative date for scheduled public hearing on all CPAs before the Planning Commission
- July 18- tentative date for scheduled Planning Commission deliberations on all CPAs
- August- tentative time for Council review of all CPAs

